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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 August 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08/17/2006
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date: ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 4-9 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim may not depend from another multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 4-9 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 2 comprise component reference numerals limitations within parenthesis which cause the claims to be unclear with respect to the degree of limitation which these reference numerals impart.

Claim 1, line 3, "the source" has no clear antecedent basis.

Claim 1, line 6, "a double and adjustable joint" is not a clear description. Is this one component or two components?

Claim 1, lines 7 and 8, "the double joint" has no clear antecedent basis.

Claim 2, line 2, "a support" is recited, but "the support" was earlier recited in claim 1. Is it the same component?

Claim 3 contains the unclear limitation of claims 1 and 2.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Prior Art (APA) in view of USPN 4,561,062 to Mitchell.

APA describes (US 20080283510 A1, [0002]) well known monitoring of a surface without contact by projecting a laser beam towards a surface and receiving some image on a camera receiver, and describes [0003] well known monitoring of a molten bath during welding. APA does not describe an emitter and a receiver mounted on an arm with particular mounts, double joint, adjustable joint, and support.

Mitchell shows (Figures 6 and 7) well known adjustable mount structure for an emitter and a receiver. The structure is curved between the ends.

The use of such well known mount structure with particular emitter and receiver described in the APA would have been obvious at the time applicant's invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art because it provides adjustable monitoring arrangement for large structures such as pipes.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Prior Art (APA) in view of USPN 4,561,062 to Mitchell as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of USPN 6,023,044 to Kosaka et al.

Kosaka et al shows (Front Page) a laser and a sensor mounted together on one support and the combination of Mitchell's adjustable mount structure and the APA welding and monitoring would have been obvious at the time applicant's invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art because the two devices may work simultaneously and simultaneously provide a weld and quality control.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAMUEL M. HEINRICH whose telephone number is (571)272-1175. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry C. Yuen can be reached on 571-272-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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